

Introduced by Senator Steinberg

February 21, 2014

An act to amend Section 10720 of the Elections Code, relating to elections.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1309, as introduced, Steinberg. Senate vacancy.

Existing law authorizes the Governor to appoint a person to fill a vacancy occurring during the term of a member of the United States Senate from California.

This bill would make a technical, nonsubstantive change to this provision.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 10720 of the Elections Code is amended
2 to read:
3 10720. If a vacancy occurs in the representation of this state
4 in the Senate of the United States, the Governor may appoint and
5 commission an elector of this state who possesses the qualifications
6 for the office to fill the vacancy until his or her successor is elected
7 and qualifies and is admitted to his or her seat by the United States
8 Senate. However, whenever a vacancy occurs within a term fixed
9 by law to expire on the third day of January following the next
10 general election, the person so appointed shall hold office for the
11 remainder of the unexpired term unless the vacancy is filled at a
12 special election held prior to the general election, in which case

1 the person elected at the special election shall hold office for the
2 remainder of the unexpired term. An election to fill a vacancy in
3 the term of a United States Senator shall be held at the general
4 election next succeeding the occurrence of the vacancy or at ~~any~~
5 a special election.

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